New Road Sign Planned To Direct Traffic Along The "Scenic Orange Belt Highway"



FARM TRIBUNE PHOTO

Plans for the construction of an eye-catching road sign at the junction of Highway 99 and the Ducor cutoff are being completed by representatives of the Orange Belt Highway association, with anticipated sign, shown above, designed by Walter Esslinger of Porterville, and with negotiation for a location on Standard Oil company property at Bakersfield being handled by Bill Hays of Porterville district manager for Standard oil.

Cost of the sign is expected to run about \$500, with this expense to be born by chambers of commerce in towns listed on the sign on a community population basis. The sign will be the property of the Orange Belt Highway association.

Background of the sign will be black; lettering will be white and yellow and the Sequoia tree will be done in natural color. "Scotch light" material, making the sign luminous at night, will be utilized. Dimension of the sign will be seven and one-half by 20 feet.

Also under direction of the Orange Belt Highway association is a move toward securing a more adequate entrance to the Ducor cutoff at the junction with Highway 99.

House Committee Gets Success Dam Data; Senate Hearing Is Scheduled For March

Data related to possible future construction of Success Valley dam was presented the latter part of January in Washington, D. C., before the House subcommittee on appropriations in connection with the War depart-

Farmers Invited To C. of C. Banquet

A special invitation is being extended to farmers of the south eastern Tulare county area to attend the annual Porterville Chamber of Commerce banquet that will be held the evening of February 16, at 7 o'clock, in the new Billingsley and Elliott farm implement building on north Main street in Porterville.

Speaker will be Milton L. Chapman, general manager of the products department of the California Fruit Growers Exchange. Vocal selections will be presented by Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Beattie, of Porterville, nationally-known professional singers.

Menu will include roast turkey, with Porterville 20-30 club members serving as waiters. Representatives of the local citrus industry, headed by Stanley Trueblood, manager of the (Continued on Page 7) ment's civil flood control functions bill, however, no information has been released as to whether or not funds for the work will be approved, according to Irvin Althouse, Porterville engineer, who represented Tulare county water interests at the hearing.

Status of the project at present is that a decision must be reached by the House committee as to its recommendations, then a Senate appropriations committee must consider the project, with the Senate hearing slated for sometime in March. If both committees approve, and amount of the construction work is budgeted, the dam will then be started

SIMILAR PROJECT

A similar Tulare county project is the Terminus dam on the Kaweah river, with funds also requested at the recent Washington hearing for this work. A federal expenditure of \$950,000 for each of these dams has been recommended by the California Water Resources board.

Under present arrangements, the Success Valley dam is being considered as a flood control project. If the dam is constructed, the reservoir behind it would have a storage capacity of possibly 50,000 acre feet, or more.

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CONTRACT OFFERED TO CONSULTANT

A contract covering a survey as to the hospital needs of the Sierra View Hospital district has been offered to R. J. Stull, hospital consultant representing James A. Hamilton and Associates, by the Sierra View district board, with cost of the survey, under contract terms, to run \$2,000

The offer was made by the hospital board following discussion of a proposed contract presented by Mr. Stull covering consultant service through the entire preliminary hospital work, from initial survey until hospital doors are opened.

Under terms of Mr. Stull's proposed contract, cost of the first survey was set at \$2,000; cost of hospital building planning and assistance to architects would run on a sliding scale basis of two per cent if total cost amounted to \$100,000 or less to one per cent if total cost ran \$1,000,000 and five per cent of the cost of non-fixed equipment in return for preparing specifications for such equipment.

Board members countered the over-all contract proposal with their contract covering only the initial survey, which would in-(Continued on page 10)

ORANGES APPROACH SEASON END

Central - Northern California navel orange season approached its end this week, with a total of 13,550 cars handled up to the first of February and with something less than 500 cars estimated as remaining as of the first of the present week.

Prorate for the present week is 325 cars, with 125 cars prorated for next week. Season total of navel oranges is expected to run about 15,000 cars as compared to 16,642 cars last season.

An auction price increase averaging one dollar per box has been recorded over the past 10 days or two weeks on sizes of 200s and larger, with a continued strong market anticipated on large sizes.

The Tulare County Fruit Exchange, through its 18 associated houses, had shipped 3,109 cars as of February 1.

A general resume of the season shows a weak early-season market that gradually improved up to the Christmas season, followed by a continued price increase during the new year. Marketing conditions in the east and in Canada have been unfavorable during much of the shipping season as the result of extreme weather conditions.

TERRA BELLA CELERY LOOKS GOOD



WARM TRIBUNE PHOTO

CELERY CUTTING technique, as described in last week's issue of The Farm Tribune, is discussed by the above group, shown at the Cemo Brothers' field east of Terra Bella during the demonstration. Left to right are: Ralph Tyrrell,; Tony Cemo; Kris P. Bemis and Alan T. Rains of the United Fresh Fruit and Vegetable association; George Bargsten, Jim Molica, Tony Cannella, Henry Roddenberry and Charlie Hunting.

Position Of Farmers In Depressions And Booms Explained By University Man

By S. V. CIRIACY-WANTRUP Prof. of Agricultural Economics, Experiment Station, Davis.

Gross income per person of farm population is much higher in California than in the rest of the country. Types of products raised and farm organization are very different in the two regions. In spite of these differences, major ups and downs of gross income as a whole and within individual branches occur at the same time and rate in California as in other states.

Gross income depends upon the volume sold and the price per unit. In California, there has been a long-time upward trend in volume, and this corresponds with a long-time upward trend of income. Disregarding this trend and minor year to year changes, volume has been fairly stable. Changes of volume do not explain major ups and downs, the booms and depressions, of

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If farm wages, the prices of things a farmer buys, and fixed charges, like interest and taxes. all changed at the same time and rate as the prices he receives, then price changes would not greatly affect the farmer's position. But changes of farm wages lag behind those of price and taxes, interest, and the prices of goods the farmer buys are more rigid than prices he receives. These differences make the farmer better off when his prices go up, worse off when they go down.

DEMAND AND INCOME

Since booms and depressions of gross income and prices are not explained by volume of production, they must be due to changes of demand.

Major changes of demand are due to changes of nonfarm income and of the funds industry and processors spend for agricultural raw materials.

INCOME STREAM

The farmer, then, has a vital interest in what causes changes of nonfarm income and business activity. In the United States, the working force and production per man are increasing. Under these condition, income per person and prices can be kept

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stable only if increasing amounts of money are returned to the income stream each turnover period, say every three or four months.

A portion of income is collected as taxes and usually returned to the income stream through government spending.

Most of the rest of the income is returned to the income stream as money spent for food, clothing and rent.

Another portion is saved. What happens to these savings is the important point. If savings are returned to the income stream as investment, then the income stream will not decrease. But if savings pile up as idle balances in banks or idle money elsewhere, the income stream is decreased.

INVESTMENT

"Investment" as used here means the spending of money funds to increase inventories and to produce durable goods, such as factories, irrigation systems, houses, and armaments. Such funds are made up of savings and "new" funds created by the banking system.

We may say then that the real problem of keeping income per person and prices stable is to keep investment in balance with saving. What do we mean by "in balance?" If income per person, prices, and employment are to be kept stable in a growing economy, investment must be larger than saving. How much

larger depends on how fast the working force and production per man is increasing. Investment is usually an improtant factor in increasing production per man.

Changes of investment are the basic cause of income and price changes. This is because they do not depend on income changes as do consumption and savings; because they are violent; because they cause changes of consumption; and because changes of investment in some industries cause further changes of invest-

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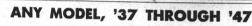
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ROLLED SUGAR COOKIES

2/3 c shortening

1 c sugar

2 eggs

3 c flour

2 tsp baking powder

1/3 c milk

1/2 tsp salt

1/2 tsp vanilla

Cream shortening and sugar; add beaten egg then flour, baking powder and salt sifted together, alternating with milk. roll and cut into any desired shape. Decorate with colored cake shot or any other desired decoration. Bake in moderate oven, 350-375 degrees for 12 minutes

JELLO DESSERT

Melt one package of Strawberry Jello in 1 cup of hot water. Let cool in large bowl. When slightly set, beat with an electric beater if possible or with a good rotary beater. Cut a quart of vanilla ice cream in chunks and gradually add to the Jello while beating. Beat until the mixture is throughly blended and fluffy. Pour into wet molds and chill; unmold and garnish with marachino cherries or frozen strawberries. Place service dish on a paper doily valentine

Miss Varney Will Speak At Ducor

The Ducor 4-H club will meet Monday evening, February 9, in the Ducor Womens' Club, when Theresa M. Varney, assistant home demostration agent will be the speaker. The club's business will include planning a community project and a club project tour.

The Ducor 4-H Club leaders are Henry Owen, Louis Muller, James Muller, Kyle Lawrence, Mrs. Freeland Farnsworth and Loretta Muller.

All parents of 4-H members are invited to this meeting.

Household Hints - - -

To prevent a vegetable salad from becoming soggy when you have to let it stand for a few hours, place a saucer upside down on the bottom of the bowl before filling with salad. This allows moisture in the salad to run under the saucer, keeping the salad fresh and crisp.

To prevent curdling when making mayonnaise, add the white of an egg to the mixture after the vinegar is added.

To maintain color in a fowl that is to be boiled, first rub with a piece of cut lemon then wrap in a grease-proof paper for boiling.

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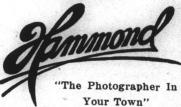
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Certified Seed Is Produced By Local Grain Men

Much of the credit for the generally good quality of grain produced in Tulare county should go to certified seed producers of the area, many of whom started in 1928 to grow certified, or blue tag seed, designed to improve the quality and quantity of grain crops, according to Ralph L. Worrell, assistant county farm advisor.

Among ranchers of southeastern Tulare county who have participated in the program are: The Vossler Brothers and Terry Brothers of Woodville; L. D. Flory of Porterville; Cloer Brothers, Harry Wood and Cris Crow, of Terra Bella and Henry Lubking and Francis Muller of Ducor

According to Worrell, the certified seed project was first started by the California Farm Bureau Federation, working in cooperation with the college of agriculture, University of California at Davis. Trade name of seed produced was first, California Approved, which has been shortened to Calapproved.

Several years ago, seed producers throughout the state organized to form the California Crop Improvement association, with headquarters at Davis. All producers of certified seed belong to the association.

Beginning with only a few cereal crops, the seed program has progressively broadended until it now includes most field crops grown in California: All the cereal grains, milo, rice, all kinds of beans, alfalfa, string beans, sudan grass, flax, vetch and a numger of the newer pasture plants.

Two primary requirements of certified blue tag seed is that 1. It must be clean of all weed seeds and 2. It must have a high germination. Specifications for both of these requirements are quite strict, a factor the has brought about the high reputation of certified seed among farmers

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Spray Control For Red Berry Disease

A. D. Rizzi, assistant farm advisor says, "Home gardners and other berry growers will be interested in knowing about a lime sulfur spray to control the red berry disease of blackberries and related berry varieties. Berries affected with this pest remain red, hard and sour all summer. Sometimes only a part of each fruit is affected."

"Control consists of spraying the berry vines with a lime sulfur spray prepared by using 1 gallon of lime sulfur solution to 20 gallons of water or 5 pounds of dry lime sulfur to 25 gallons of water. Spray now or just as the leaf buds are opening. Complete coverage of the entire berry vine is necessary for effective control of this pest."

INGRAM DISCUSSES COUNTY COURTHOUSE

Model of a proposed plan for Tulare county's new courthouse was shown and a discussion of the expansion plan was given by Earl Ingram, county planning engineer, at a P. T. A. Father's night program given recently at the Sunnyside Union Elementary school.

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FROZEN ORANGE JUICE SHIPPED EAST

A carload of frozen orange juice has been shipped from southern California to New Jersey, where it will be distributed on a dairy route. The frozen juice will be marketed in an attempt to compete with canned juice from Florida.

Spray, composed of common sugar, is found to be substitute for sunlight on hothouse crops, in experiments conducted by scientists at the California Institute of Technology.



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Anderson Advises Farmers To Cull Unproductive Livestock Without Delay

Removing unproductive inefficient livestock from a herd is good business at any time, but is especially desirable and profitable under present conditions. That is why close culling of livestock is strongly recommended according to Assistant Farm Advisor Robert H. Anderson.

Livestock producers who carefully select unprofitable animals and sell them, profit in two ways. The cull animals are selling at favorable market prices, and more high priced grain is made available for feeding the more efficient animals remaining in the herd.

Several factors are important in selecting cull animals. Culling should include crippled, disand unproductive breeding stock. In the breeding herd, it is desirable to cull cows that have missed calving for one or two years; they are likely to be fat and bring more money when sold. Dairy cows that produce less than the herd average are worth more when sold than when kept as "boarders."

eased and poor quality animals,

Sows which have farrowed small litters are not paying their share of the cost of feed and care. Hens that have stopped laying and are getting fat are robbing the flock of profit. As a rule, it pays to cull animals that are passing their period of usefulness because of age, and to replace them with younger stock.

Rigid culling will allow farmers and ranchmen to feed, more generously animals that are able to return a profit for the feed given them. However, under present conditions, even the best of animals should not be fed to grade higher than "good," as the extra finish requires too much grain. Young and pregnant animals will have more feed at the time when their nutrition needs are most critical, helping to insure better, heavier calves, lambs or pigs next year.

UNIVERSITY ASKED TO STUDY DISEASE

The University of California has been asked by Governor Earl Warren to set up an experimental station in Mexico to study the hoof and mouth disease, with primary efforts directed toward prevention of spread of the disease across the Mexican border into the United States.

Mr. Anderson says culling will also aid the improvement of permanent pastures. With un- We Pickup and Deliver Through productive animals eliminated, proper stock of pastures and ranges is encouraged so that Phone 420 livestock operators will be in better position to capitalize on the use of better grazing in the fu-

Another major advantage of culling is that we're possibly facing a bad feed year due to the PLUMBING lack of rain. Prices are right for the culls and with the outlook on the feed situation as it is, it is wise to get rid of the unprofitable animals now.

For these reasons, close culling is recommended as one of the important steps in good management and feeding to help solve the problem of scarce and highpriced grains as well as a possible natural feed shortage.

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Meals Subject Of Home Meetings

Demonstrations on "One Main Dish Meals" will be featured by project leaders at Open House home demonstration meetings scheduled for the month of February, it has been announced by Miss Clara Cowgill, Tulare county home demonstration agent.

Additional features such as home demonstration exhibits, plant exchanges, flower arrangement, planning home grounds and talks of general interest are also being arranged.

Following is the schedule of meetings for the southeastern Tulare county aera:

February 12, 2 P. M.—Springville, at the home of Mrs. Margaret Webster; project leaders, Mrs. Marvin Putnam and Mrs. Rockwell Webster.

February 19, 2 P. M.—Prairie Center, at the home of Mrs. Ernest Stoltenberg; project leaders,

HOSPITAL MEET DATE CHANGED

Next regular meeting of the Sierra View Hospital District board of directors, scheduled for February 16, has been changed to February 18 in order to avoid confusion with the Porterville Chamber of Commerce banquet, set for February 16.

Osteonaths of the community are expected to attend the February 18 meeting to present their side of the question as to wether or not they should be allowed to practice in the district hospital when it is constructed.

Medical doctors presented their side of the question at the January meeting of the board. An "open mind" on the matter has been declared by hospital district board members.

Mrs. Wade Woody and Mrs. W. J. Butterbaugh.

February 20, 2 P. M.-Alta Vista at home of Mrs. Carl Atkins, project leaders, Mrs. Florence Bowles and Mrs. Audrey Dyer.

February 24, 2 P. M.—Burton at the home of Mrs. K. H. Peck: project leaders, Mrs. M. L. Gilbert and Mrs. Peck.

February 25, 11 A. M.-Farmersville, at the home of Mrs. W. N. Rivers; project leaders, Mrs. L. W. Michalk and Mrs. Opal Boswell.

February 25, 2 P. M.-Surprise, at the home of Mrs. Albert Nagel; project leaders, Mrs. Neal Lowe and Mrs. Nagel.

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Farmers Invited To C. of C. Banquet

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Tulare County Fruit Exchange, are in charge of the program and general chariman is Lester Hamilton, chamber of commerce board member and Porterville business man.

Tickets may be obtained at the Chamber of Commerce office, city hall building, Porterville.

RAIN, SNOW BREAK DROUGHT

Rain in the valley area and snow in the mountains and foothills Wednesday evening broke the longest winter drought experienced in this community in some 70 years.
Rainfall a mounted to .59

inches, according to official figures from Frank Daybell, bringing the season total to 1.96. Season total on the corresponding date last year was 5.89 inches.

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ADVISORY GROUP BEING SELECTED

A nine-man advisory group of local citrus growers is being selected to work with Victor Bowker and Paul Moore, recentlychosen delegates to the new California Citrus Producers' associ-

Object of the grower group will be to formulate possible plans for improvement of various aspects of the orange industry. Local delegates are planning to meet in the future with delegates from citrus-producing areas throughout California to discuss over-all plans for the California Citrus Producers' association.

The newly-formed association is open to all persons associated with the orange industry, however, only growers are eligible to hold office.

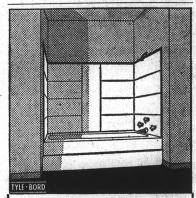
Loretta Muller Speaks At 4-H Council Meeting

Miss Loretta Muller, of Ducor, told of the recent Youth Conference that she attended in Sacramento at a meeting of the Tulare County 4-H council held Tuesday evening at the First Christian church in Visalia.

Also discussed at the meeting were plans for the annual Sponsors' dinner, at which representatives of organizations sponsoring 4-H clubs are entertained; arrangements for the twenty-

first annual 4-H achievement day and the 4-H summer camp at Whitaker forest.

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Rabbit Breeders Hear National Official

Fred Cremer, of Bakersfield, registrar of the American Rabbit and Cavy Breeders and president of the Kern County Rabbit Breeders association, spoke before the January meeting of the Tulare County Rabbit Breeders association held recently in the Porterville high school agricultural building.

Cremer told of plans for the spring rabbit show to be held in Bakersfield March 5, 6 and 7.

Other matter of business included an agreement by members to raise the price of dressed rabbits five cent per pound as a measure to meet rising feed

Farmers of California won payments of \$982,000 during 1947 as a result of complaints against dealers, commission men. canners and processors of farm produce, according to an announcement from the state department of agriculture.

Dr. G. F. MacLeod Will Speak At Pixley Meeting

"Use of Soil Amendments" will be the subject discussed by Dr. Guy F. MacLeod, of Sunland Industries, Inc., at a meeting of farmers scheduled for this evening (February 6) at the Pixley grammer school in Pixley.

Uses of gypsum, soil sulphur and sulphuric acid will be covered by Dr. MacLeod, who is not only an authority on soil practices, but is also a nationallyknown entomologist. Time of the Pixley meeting is 8 o'clock.

Dr. MacLeod is in charge of Sunland's technical activities, particularly in relation to insecticides, fertilizers and sulphurs. He received his Ph. D. from Cornell university in 1930.

Drought conditions in southern California have resulted in considerable damage to field crops and orchards by deer, resulting in consideration of a special hunting season.

National Forest Grazing Reduced

Secretary of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson has rejected the Barrett committee recommendation for a three-year test period and plans to go ahead with a 1948 reduction in national forest grazing.

Proposed reduction for this year will amount to only a small figure; a tentative figure for 1949 calls for a reduction of 2.8 per cent for cattle and three per cent for sheep and for 1950, 3.8 per cent for cattle and 3.2

Also turned down were proposals to establish grazing permit boards, however, the Barrett committee recommendations on the following points were accepted: 1. To put in writing all agreements affecting grazing permits: 2. To make explicit the right of a permittee to have attorneys present at grazing hearings and to get transcripts of the hearings; 3. To consider local economic conditions and taxes in reducing livestock grazing and 4. To encourage efforts by holders of permits to cooperate with the Forest Service.

Success Man On Credit Board

Ralph Wardlaw, of Sucess Valley, was named to fill an unexpired term on the board of directors of the Visalia Production association at the organization's annual meeting last week in Visalia.

M. W. Dula of Visalia was

reelected board president; Clarence Wilson of Dinuba, vicepresident; B. N. Kirk, secretarytreasurer and W. T. Smally of Hanford, director, with Ward-

Assets of \$1,500,000 were reported for the association; with a three per cent dividend and a patronage refund from surplus earnings being paid.

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clude the gathering of facts to determine present and estimated future hospital needs and possible hospital location on a basis of population center, anticipated population growth and transportation facilities,

Also included in the locally proposed contract was the clause that the survey should be completed prior to March 1 in order that application can be made for federal and state funds in the current period.

An answer from Mr. Stull is expected this week by hospital board members.

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Alfalfa Responds To Fertilizer

Numerous tests in Tulare county have shown that alfalfa nearly always responds to fertilizers after the second year of growth, reports Ralph L. Worrell, assistant farm advisor.

Says Advisor

Tomato plants show attend when so field even though appear wet, states W

During the first two years the soil generally contains enough nutrients so that alfalfa grows thriftily. However, by the beginning of the third year the soil supply of available phosphate is usually reduced to the point where fertilization is worthwhile.

Three hundred to 400 pounds of super phosphate per acre is recommended for most areas of Tulare county. This may be applied to the alfalfa all at one time, either now or following the first mowing in the spring.

"Water In" Tomato Plants Says Advisor

Tomato plants should always be watered when set out in the field even though the soil may appear wet, states Walter J. Cordua, Tulare county assistant farm advisor.

Watering the plants drives out air pockets which may exist around the roots and also settles the soil more firmly. A pint of water per plant should be enough for this purpose.

Some growers have tried running the water alongside the plants in irrigation furrows. According to Cordua, however, this uses more water and is not so satisfactory as "watering in" each plant individually as it is set out.

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These comprise the orginators of the Mesa Development company, who have leased some 4,-000 acres of choisest land which is supposed to be a coming oil field. This land is in Kern county, adjoining Tulare county and is immediately north of the Kern River Oil district.

James McKinney, charged with the murder of Thomas sears was arraigned in court. Monday. to plead to the information against him.

It was ordered that the defendant be given until Friday, March 15, 1901, to enter his plea. This was done at the request of his attorney, J. W. P. Laird, who is now in Sacramento attending to his duties as legis-

Hester, the small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Abbey, broke her right arm, Saturday, by falling from a horse. She was riding behind her brother, Lawrence, and when in front of the Putnam house on Mill street, was brushed from the horse by a protruding branch.

Charles Nieman is having a 10-inch well bored by L. E. Prestage on his ten acres southeast of Plano. If water is obtained, Mr. Nieman will put out orange

At the quarterly meeting of the Campbell and Moreland Ditch Co., Saturday at Plano, an assessment of four dollars per share on the capital stock of the company was levied.

The Cattle Growers Association of Central California, which met in Visalia recently, effected a permanent organization by electing the following officers: Charles Adams, of Visalia, president; D. T. Curtis of Reedley Susman Mitchell of Visalia, vice presidents; V. D. Knupp of Porterville, secretary; T. A. Elliott of Visalia, assistant secretary; and T. A. Elliott, E. O. Larkins and A. B. Murray, a committee on by-laws.

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Grain Fertilizer **Tests Conducted** At Ducor Ranch

Three series of grain fertilizer tests have recently been established in Tulare county by the

L. M. Conrad of Poplar shipped a wagon load of honey to San Francisco last week.

John Dale, teacher at Hope, had to leave his school on account of sickness, and Miss Rowman is teaching in his place until he can return.

Will Elster is chopping a nice lot of wood on Middle Tule.

Ed Cornell brought a good bunch of cattle through Daunt this week to turn out on the range.

Uncle Joe Hoover of Globe has sold his place. People are beginning to look to Globe as the frostless belt in which to plant oranges.

B. L. Roberts, the protographer expects to leave town about February 28.

M. C. Roth brother of N .A. Roth, proprieter of the "People's Store," arrived from Santa Monica, Monday to assist his brother in the sorte.

Agricultural Extension Service. One test is located on irrigated soil on the Piepgrass Bros. ranch north of Visalia. The other two tests are on the Paul Zimmerman ranch, Ducor, one on dry-farmed adobe soil and the other on dry-farmed red hardpan soil.

Each test consists of 16 different fertilizer combinations, stated Ralph L. Worrell, Tulare county assistant farm advisor. Much has been said about the relative merits of different fertilizers, and the tests have been designed so as to determine the particular fertilizer which produces the best results under local conditions.

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Soil Analysis **Evaluated As** Clue, Not Answer

By Dr. G. F. MacLeod Sunland Industries, Inc.

The value of chemical analyses of soils has been a subject of much controversy. This is inevitable because of the complex nature of soils, the problems which occur in treating them to in-

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crease their productivity, and the Mastitis Problems varied background or experience of workers who interpret chemical soil analyses.

There are many people who feel that any soil analysis is worse than a waste of time. The findings may be considered misleading. This view is just as wrong as the other extreme, the belief that a chemical analysis is the key to complete understanding of a soil. The truth lies half way between these two viewpoints.

A chemical analysis is a tool with which to probe a given suspicion respecting a specific problem. Seldom, if ever, can a laboratory make a complete, chemical analysis of a soil and have it mean anything without reference to much additional information.

The difficulties of obtaining a representative sample of soil are many. It takes training and intimate knowledge of local conditions, experience with growing crops and many other factors before anyone can start to take useful soil samples. Nothing that is done subsequently will be of value if the soil sample is not representative.

Many different chemical analyses are used in the study of soils. Each technical worker has his own pet and, properly used, one is probably as good as an-

Can Be Eliminated

A major part of the dairymen's mastitis problems can be eliminated. This has been proven by tests under dairy conditions, according to C. L. Pelissier, assistant Farm Advisor.

Cooperative studies in 67 herds with 7,345 cows in eight counties show that laboratory tests for identification of infected cows, treatment of infected animals with penicillin, and good herd management are principal factors in control of mastitis.

First, samples are taken for laboratory tests by competent technicians. In this way the infected animals are identified and later treated with penicillin.

Until the herd is proven clean by laboratory tests, it is milked in the following order: heifers, middle aged cows, aged cows, infected cows.

All precautions should be taken against bruising the udders, such as removing the milking machines in as short a time as possible, keeping the vacuum of the milking machine within the limit recommended by the manufacturer, avoiding slick floors.

Two types of mastitis are common. One type may be cured with the penicillin treatment in about

other. The nature of the information desired should determine the test to be used.

Probably more mistakes occur in the interpretation of a given soil analysis than at any other point. Here the training, knowledge and experience of the interpreter are of greatest value. An X-ray picture of the chest is valueless in the hands of anyone other than a trained and experienced diagnostician. It is the same with a soil analysis.

The final proof of the pudding comes when the suggestions of the analysis are tested in the field with growing plants. There is no escaping this final judgment. If the problem is solved and the grower profits, the procedure was valuable. If not, then' somewhere a mistake occurred.

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Position Of Farmers In Depressions And Booms Explained By University Man

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2—What we may call outside influences, such as inventions, discoveries, and war.

During the boom of private industry, practical goals, which will not involve uncertain and, therefore, dangerous forecasts of exactly when the downswing will come, are:

1—Postpone public investment. However, consider public health, national security, and technical difficulties of stopping work on such projects as dam construction.

2—Increase public revenues during the boom by keeping taxes, especially pay as you go taxes, as high as can be done without lowering incentives for individual effort.

3—Stop public borrowing, build up liquid reserves, and decrease the public debt, especially short term obligations held by banks.

4—Cut down credit to purely speculative markets, such as grain exchanges.

5—If necessary, tighten credit conditions in general.

Public measures during prosperity should be precautionary and preparatory. If, in spite of these measures, signs of depression begin to appear, positive action is needed. These steps may be taken:

1—Encourage private investment by specific tax concessions, loan guarantees, and direct subsidies.

2-Increase public works.

3—Lower pay as you go taxes.

WHAT FARMER CAN DO

The individual farmer may take some steps to guard against depressions.

He should keep himself well informed about the national outlook for general business activ-

Circular Available Covering Pastures

A pasture circular which lists specific seed mixtures for different types of soil may be obtained by contacting the Farm Advisor's office, Postoffice Bldg., Visalia.

"This circular is intended for soil and climatic conditions in Tulare county," stated Ralph L. Worrell, assistant farm advisor. "Plants which do best under our local conditions are describ-

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During prosperity he should try to cut down fixed charges, such as interest.

At the start of the upswing, he can buy land. He should be cautious, however, if he does not have enough cash; it does not pay to exchange rent for even more rigid interest.

He can make investments to cut down cash expenses he has to meet every year; improved buildings may cut upkeep; new equipment may cut hired labor costs.

He can build up his soils, adopt soil conservation practices that take cash.

If the farmer takes these steps during prosperity he will be better prepared for a depression than other classes of the population. ed, and seed mixtures are recommended for the different kinds of soils and livestock.

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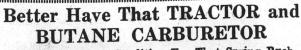
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Pelissier Discusses Causes Of Variation In Fat Production For Dairy Cattle Herds

BY C. L. PELISSIER Assistant Farm advisor What makes the fat vary from month to month?

Many dairymen ask themselves this question. The average test for the herd may vary from month to month, and the test for individual cows may vary likewise.

MIXED HERDS

In mixed herds, any change in the composition of the herd with respect to breeds represented might materially affect the average test for the herd because of the marked difference in test of the different breeds.

Exposure to extreme weather conditions will cause the test to vary. Any sudden changes in the weather may influnce the test if the animals are not protected from the hot spells or cold winter storms. Sudden changes in feed or in feeding practices may temporarily influence the test.

The test of most cows varies with the stage of their lactation, being relatively high at the beginning of the period and declining after the frist month or so. It then remains fairly constant until toward the end of the milking period when the tendency is for the test to increase. Cows in high condition at time of calv-

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ing will continue to test high during the early stages of their lactation longer than cows fresh-

Diseases have a strong influence on the test of individual cows. When a cow is visibly sick her owner expects her to drop in test. There are, however, some diseases of chronic nature that are not easily detected that can effect test. Mastitis is an Ideal example.

In herds where there is a history of mastitis, it is quite common to have a drop in test associated with a flare-up of mastitis. Dairymen sometimes interpret erratic test as a warning of potential trouble ahead.

Dairy Projects Show Increase In 4-H Circles

The dairy projects of 1,994 4-H Club boys and girls in California returned a profit of \$128,002 from 3,163 animals in 1947.

In Tulare county 134 boys and girls carried 208 animals as projects which showed a net profit of \$8,438 or about \$40 per animal.

John A. Emo, assistant farm advisor, says this is a large increase in dairy projects over other years both in the state and in the county.

Dairy projects for 4-H Club members have always had a prominent place in the state wide dairy herd improvement program directed by the University of California Extension Service.

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